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FOR: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING AND DETECTING AND  
NORMALIZING HIV FOR RAPID ANALYSIS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 09/09/03 and for the following reasons the applicant respectfully requests that the above application be allowed.